



Florida Outreach Center for the Blind, Inc. 2315 S. Congress Avenue

Palm Springs, FL 33406

**Our Mission:** To develop and administer programs that will integrate the blind into the social, economic and spiritual lives of their communities.

**Our goal:** To provide the opportunities in rehabilitation to the blind and visually-impaired to expand their personal expectations and reach their full potential.



**The real problem of blindness is not the loss of eyesight. The real problem is the misunderstanding and lack of information that exist. If a blind person has proper training and opportunity, blindness can be reduced to a physical nuisance**

Celebrating Over a Decade of Providing Services

On Wednesday, April 23, 2014 from 1:00-6:00 P.M., The Florida Outreach Center for the Blind (FOCB) will host an Open House to celebrate over a decade of providing quality training programs to individuals who are blind and visually impaired. The Center is a Nationally Accredited training facility that offers free classes in Braille, Computers and other Adaptive Technology, Daily Living Skills including Cooking, Peer Support, Recreational Therapy, and outreach Programs for seniors and children who are blind. For our client's convenience, There is a Reading Center with an inventory of audible books and a store with visual aids for hands-on inspection and purchase. Guests will enjoy refreshments, guided tours of the facility, and demonstrations of the latest technology adapted for the blind. There will be a session on Braille, Apple products, as well as, what to do when you meet a blind person and a guide dog.

### Transportation Disadvantage Day

FOCB Representatives joined transportation advocates from all over Florida to attend Transportation Disadvantage Day in Tallahassee on MARCH 13, 2014. They spent the day speaking to legislators about funding our Transportation Disadvantage Program. It was a lot of hard work but everyone found time to have fun.



## **F.O.C.B.'s Hours of Operation**

Monday-Wednesday-Friday  
Tuesday-Thursday

9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.  
Outreach Programs

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

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The Florida Outreach Center for the Blind provides, at no charge, instruction in Braille, Computers, Daily Living Skills, Cooking, Peer Support, Recreational Therapy, and Outreach Programs for seniors and children. To enroll, call (561) 642-0005 or e-mail:

[Info\\_focb@bellsouth.net](mailto:Info_focb@bellsouth.net)

If your organization or senior center would like to learn more about our programs and services, contact Carolyn Lapp at (561) 642-0005 or e-mail:

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FOCB is a nonprofit organization that depends on grants and public donations. If you wish to remember the Center in your will, please use the following language:

“I give, bequest, or devise the following sum, stocks, or property to the Florida Outreach Center for the Blind, to be used for the worthy purposes of helping the Blind.”

If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation, please make your check payable to the Florida Outreach Center for the Blind (FOCB) and mail your gift to:

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Thank you for your support and interest!

## Calendar of Events:

Magnify America Showcase (Mon & Wed)	9-4:00pm
Transition Service (Wed)	3:30-6:00pm
Yard Sale April 12th	7-noon
Open House April 23rd	1-6pm
BELL Program June 16-23rd	9-2:00pm
Dining in the Dark Event October 18th	5-8:00pm
Kid's Fall Festival October 25th	10-noon
Kid's Holiday Party December 13th	5-6:30pm

### Beeping Egg Hunt

The Florida Outreach Center for the Blind hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Beeping Egg Hunt for children who are visually impaired on Saturday April 12, 2014. The children will enjoy decorating cookies along with coloring and hunting for eggs. After all of the fun, everyone can cool off by playing in the water park. A special thanks to the Paula and the F.S.D.B. Advisors, Grace from D.B.S., and to all F.O.C.B. volunteers who make this event a success. Contact F.O.C.B. to find out more about our Kids' Club activities.

### One Man's Junk is Another Man's Treasure-

You will find lots of treasures at FOCB's Yard Sale. All items are new or gently used and a tremendous bargain. The yard sale is from 7:00am-1:00pm on Saturday March 29th at the Center.

**COME FIND YOUR  
PERSONAL TREASURE!**



### Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning (BELL) Program

The Florida Outreach Center for the Blind will host the state's only Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning (BELL) Program from Monday, June 23-27, 2014. This Program targets low-vision children who are not receiving Braille instruction in school. Participants will learn the benefits of non-visual skills through fun activities centered on Braille instruction. The Center hopes to reduce the 85% Braille illiteracy in blind children by hosting the BELL Program. To enroll your child, call the Center.



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National Accreditation Council  
for Blind and Low Vision Services

### Transition Services

F.O.C.B. will now provide High school students, age 14 and older, with the skills needed to "transition" to being an adult, getting a job, and living independently for the first time. Additionally, students learn daily living skills, assistive technology, vocational, social, and recreational skills which are critical for students to succeed in life. To enroll in the Transition program, call the Center at (561) 642-0005.

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